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25X1 MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]
Deputy to the DCI for Resource Management
25X1 VIA: [REDACTED]
Acting Director, Program Assessment Office
25X1 FROM: [REDACTED]
25X1 SUBJECT: [REDACTED] - A Status Report

25X1 1. You will recall that on 25 January I briefed you on the
difficulties we were having in obtaining specific information from
NSA which would enable us to make the bridge between the value of
intelligence received for [REDACTED] 25X1
and the resources required to maintain or improve present coverage or
to reacquire coverage lost because of degraded equipment or changes
in technology. Roxanne and I visited NSA on 7 February for further
discussions with [REDACTED] in a final effort to resolve our
difficulties. I had already made it quite clear to [REDACTED] and 25X1
other NSA officials with whom we were dealing that if we were unable
to acquire the information needed to complete our study we would be
left with but two options:

a. either to state quite boldly that NSA had been unable or
unwilling to provide the information we required to finish the
study or,

b. to refer the matter for resolution to you.

25X1 Neither was desirable. [REDACTED]

25X1 2. Roxanne and I were greeted by the newly appointed director
of [REDACTED] and several of his staff. Mary produced a
short paper summarizing NSA's interpretation of our request and their
tentative answers. To our delight, they had finally provided the
type of information we wished. We were given specific evalua-
tions of loss of coverage in [REDACTED] 25X1

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[] we were told why such losses had occurred, what effort had been made to recoup the losses, what equipment had been employed in these efforts, and the degree of success which had been achieved. We told NSA that this was precisely the type of information we had been seeking and asked them to provide us with the cost of equipment which had been modified in order to recover lost signals, and to project the cost of new equipment to cope with the specific problems which had been identified. We further asked that they identify those links [] which had been lost or where coverage had been badly degraded in order that we could make the necessary correlation with consumer evaluation of intelligence derived from such links. All of this they promised to do, and we hope to have this new data within the next week. []

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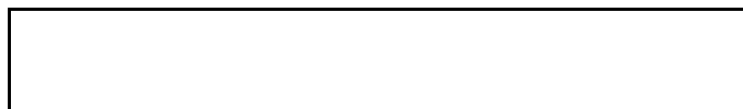
3. In my estimation we have thus reached a significant turning point in this small [] study and we hope to have a draft incorporating this material ready for you shortly. []

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